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Attention: Box Patent Application
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT - CONTINUATION APPLICATION

Sir:

Please add the following new claims and amend the specification as follows:

In the Specification:

On the first page of the application, paragraph 1 at line 1, please add the following:

This application is a continuation of application serial no. 09/303,201, filed on 30 April 1999.

In the Claims:

21. An anchoring apparatus for use in a tubular member, the apparatus comprising:

-a top swage member having a longitudinal center of axis, wherein said top swage

member has a first cylindrical surface that extends to a second conical surface;

-a first cylindrical anchoring member disposed about said top swage member and

wherein said first cylindrical anchoring member has a complete outer perimeter, said first anchoring

member containing a first plurality of continuous, individual circumferential ribs disposed about said

outer perimeter, wherein said first plurality of continuous, individual circumferential ribs comprise

a series of annular grooves encircling said first cylindrical anchoring member, and wherein said first